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In re Application of:

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For: **COSMETIC USE OF PHYTOSPHINGOSINE AS A SLIMMING AGENT AND
COSMETIC COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING PHYTOSPHINGOSINE**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Prior to examining on the merits and calculating the filing fee for the national phase application filed herewith under U.S.C 371, please enter the following amendments in the captioned application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-30 of the application filed herewith and add new claims 31-83, as shown on the marked-up attachment A.

REMARKS

The above amendments have been made to remove multiple dependencies from the claims and to conform them to U.S. practice. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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